WHEREAS, On April 30, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office and was inaugurated as the first President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, George Washington was the only President of the United States of America to be inaugurated on April 30th; and,

WHEREAS, On April 30, 1802 Congress passed the first enabling act authorizing the people of the eastern division of the Northwest Territory to hold a convention and frame a constitution in order to become a State, and a precedent was set in helping Ohio's gaining its statehood, followed by the same set for the rest of the State's in this territory; and,

WHEREAS, On April 30, 1803 the United States of America, under the leadership of President Thomas Jefferson, made its first territorial expansion by purchasing 828,000 square miles of land (doubling the size of the United States by peaceful means) known as the Louisiana Purchase, which land eventually was divided into the States of Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, most of Louisiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming and parts of Colorado and Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, On April 30, 1812, the State of Louisiana was admitted to the Union; and,

WHEREAS, On April 30, 1889 Congress fixed this date of April 30th as a national holiday to celebrate the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States of America:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 30, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and encourage the school children in our State to become involved in planning a program to honor our nation's flag by song, speech and activities on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 8th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

Joan D. Blues — Assistant Secy of State

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